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ALTERNATIVES TO BASE

Managed Forest Law

Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$150,000 annually from the forestry account of the conservation fund to contract with private foresters for the development of managed forest land plans. In addition, provide \$346,100 in 2001-02 and \$365,600 in 2002-03 from the forestry account for 3.0 new forester positions and convert 5.0 forester project positions to permanent status to increase contacts between non-industrial private forest owners and DNR foresters or state-contracted private foresters to provide land management guidance. (This funding should allow DNR to prepare at least 4,125 MFL plans in 2002-03, an annual increase of over

Alternative A1	SEG	TOTAL
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$1,011,700	\$1,011,700
[Change to Bill	<i>0</i>	<i>0]</i>
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Base)	8.0	8.0
[Change to Bill	<i>0</i>	<i>0]</i>

2. Maintain current law.

Alternative A2	SEG	TOTAL
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$0	\$0
[Change to Bill	-\$1,011,700	-\$1,011,700]
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Base)	0	0
[Change to Bill	-8.0	-8.0]

B. Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$250,000 SEG annually from the forestry account to increase the allotment for the Wisconsin Forest Landowner grant program (to \$1,250,000 annually).

Alternative B1	SEG
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Base) [Change to Bill	\$500,000 <i>\$0</i>]

2. Maintain current law.

Alternative B2	SEG
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Basc) [Change to Bill	\$0 \$500,000 -

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Duff	Υ	Ν
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Huebsch	Υ	N
Huber	Υ	Ν
Coggs	Υ	Ν

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NATURAL RESOURCES -- FORESTRY AND PARKS

Managed Forest Law Eligibility

[LFB Paper #661]

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Motion:

Move to adopt the Governor's recommendation (Alternatives A1 and B1) to provide \$150,000 annually from the forestry account of the conservation fund to contract with private foresters for the development of managed forestland plans. In addition, provide \$346,100 in 2001-02 and \$365,600 in 2002-03 from the forestry account for 3.0 new forester positions and convert 5.0 forester project positions to permanent status to increase contacts between non-industrial private forest owners and DNR foresters or state-contracted private foresters to provide land management guidance. Provide \$250,000 SEG annually form the forestry account to increase the allotment for the Wisconsin Forest Landowner grant program (to \$1,250,000 annually).

Further, effective January 1, 2002, to expand eligibility for designation as managed forest land if at least 65% of the parcel is producing or is capable of producing a minimum of 20 cubic feet of merchantable timber per acre per year. Further, designate as ineligible a parcel (a) of which more than 35% consists of land that is not suitable for producing 20 cubic feet of merchantable timber per acre per year, including water, marsh, muskeg, bog, rock outcrops, or sand dunes; or (b) more than 20% is farmland, roadway, railroad, utility right-of-way, or in reserve due to special resource concern such as sensitive soil, endangered or threatened resources, archeological sites, or the lack of sound forest regeneration recommendations.

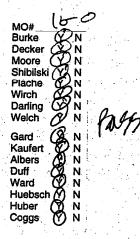
Also, provide \$570,300 in 2001-02 and \$728,400 in 2002-03 and 15.0 SEG positions from the forestry account for to increase the number of field foresters.

Require property to be classified as "swamp and waste" for purposes of the property tax if the property is undeveloped, if the property is nonproductive forest land and if the property is part of a parcel, where the other part of the parcel is enrolled in the managed forest law program. Exclude property that is classified as agricultural property from this provision. Provide that this provision applies to property assessed as of January 1, 2002.

Note:

Under current law, at least 80% of the parcel must be producing or be capable of producing a minimum of 20 cubic feet of merchantable timber per acre per year in order to be designated as eligible for the managed forest law program. A parcel which consists of more than 20% land that is not suitable for producing 20 cubic feet of merchantable timber per acre per year, including water, marsh, muskeg, bog, rock outcrops, or sand dunes is designated as ineligible.

[Change to Base: \$2,810,400 SEG and 23.0 SEG positions] [Change to Bill: \$1,298,700 SEG and 15.0 SEG positions]







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